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PROGRAM

**LETTER**

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On May 21, 2007, we filed an Information Disclosure Statement citing reference(s) JP 08-251600. Submitted herewith are the English Translations of the Japanese Office Actions for the Examiner's consideration.

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

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- A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

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### DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

- Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030.

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